

OF HER ABUNDANCE

Oklahoma Is Asked to Aid the Porto Ricans

STRICKEN BY TEMPESTS

Acting Governor Jenkins Indorses the Appeal.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—The following communication has been received at the executive office from the secretary of war: "War Department, Washington, August 14, 1899.

"Sir—I enclose herewith copies of two telegraphic dispatches received last evening from the governor general of Porto Rico, by which it appears that the devastation wrought by the recent hurricane in that island was even greater than was at first supposed. It is evident that a great multitude of people rendered utterly destitute by this awful calamity must be fed and cared for during a considerable period until they can have the opportunity to produce food for themselves. Enormous quantities of supplies of the kinds indicated by the governor general must be procured.

"The magnitude of the work to be accomplished leads this department to supplement the appeal already made to the mayors of the principal cities of the country, by a more general appeal, and I beg you to ask the people of the territory to contribute generously to the relief of the people of Porto Rico.

"Swift steamers have been provided to leave the port of New York to carry the supplies directly to Porto Rico as rapidly as they can be collected.

"Contributions should be either in supplies of the character indicated, or in money, in order that supplies can be purchased. The supplies should be sent to Colonel F. B. Jones, Army Building, foot of Whitehall street, New York City, in packages plainly marked 'Porto Rican Relief' and he should be consulted as to time of shipment. Money should be sent to the National Bank of North America, New York City, which has been designated as a depository for the relief fund. Very respectfully,

(Signed) "ELIHU ROOT,
"Secretary of War.
"Hon. Governor of Oklahoma,
"Guthrie, Oklahoma."

The dispatches enclosed with the letter detailed graphically the awful havoc wrought by the recent hurricane, the sweeping away of towns and villages, the killing of hundreds of people, the complete destruction of all growing crops and the devastation of the entire land. The people are in need of clothing and general supplies of all kinds. In the line of food the governor general urged the sending of rice, beans, codfish and other imperishable articles of food. It will be necessary to feed many thousands of destitute persons for a number of months, until new crops can be grown. Acting Governor Jenkins calls upon the people of the territory to respond liberally to the appeal for aid from the stricken citizens of our new possession, saying: "The people of Oklahoma have been signally blessed this year with abundant crops and general prosperity, no storms or devastating blights of any kind have visited our territory and we should all be ready to help those who are suffering from misfortune. Let each locality designate some person to act as agent and forward contributions or send them direct to the addresses given in the letter from the secretary of war. Oklahoma has been blessed at home and abroad of her great wheat crop already harvested and of her still greater corn crop soon to be gathered. What more fitting tribute than for the territory to send several carloads of wheat to these who are in need."

BABY'S MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Little Helen Martin Falls From a Moving Train and Is Unhurt.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—The wonderful escape of a child is told in the Oklahoma City Times-Journal as follows: Last evening as the "Frisco" passenger train was nearing Wellston, little Helen Martin, a little four-year-old, fell from the car window while the train was going at the rate of 25 miles an hour. Passengers in the coach who had been watching the child felt a thrill of horror as they saw the little one disappear from the window. Mr. C. G. Jones was on a car behind the "Frisco" and saw the child on the train and as soon as he saw the child fall he jumped for the rope and signaled the train to stop. Mr. Jones climbed off the rear of the car and went to pick the little one up. By the time he had reached the child it was up and crying and had started for the train. Mr. Jones had picked the baby up and was carrying it towards the train when they met the conductor. The little one was over its fright and said to the conductor, "Did you stop the train for me?" The child's mother was sitting in the seat with it when it fell out of the window. She did not scream and jump after the child nor try to get off the back end of the car before it was stopped, as many a poor mother would have done, but she held out of the window when the child had disappeared and then turned to the other passengers and said: "It's all right; it's getting up." Strange as it seems, the child was scarcely scratched.

CUTTING SCRAPE AT UNION

Charles Crow Seriously Wounded by Charles Layton—Layton Captured.

El Reno, O. T., Aug. 19.—The little town of Union, ten miles south of here, was last night the scene of a cutting and shooting scrape. The little one was as follows: Charles W. Crow, who keeps a restaurant and feed yard, had some trouble with Charles Layton. The growl was kept up for some time until bystanders interfered. Crow went into his place of business and Layton left the place. Shortly after the war of words Crow came out in front of his restaurant to get a breath of fresh air. While he was standing on the walk Layton, who was in hiding, came up behind him, and grabbing him by the hair, pulled his head backward and with a knife inflicted a terrible cut which came within a hairbreadth of cutting the jugular vein. Layton dropped his victim and ran to where his horse was tied, intending to make his escape. He succeeded in getting about two miles out of town when he was overtaken by W. M. Tweed and E. A. Jackman, who ordered him to stop. He did so and at the same time made a

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Timber cutting is an offense against federal property. There is no doubt that the opening of the territory there has always been more or less timber cutting. But under Marshal Nix's administration the way in which his deputies persecuted innocent settlers led to a great scandal. Nix had at one time, it is said, over 100 deputies. This small army's existence depended on fees earned. A member of it was everywhere lurking about watching for the least action to make an arrest. The further away from a United States marshal's office he was the more likely he was to make an arrest. A farmer who was picking up dead and down timber on a government reservation, as he had a perfect right to do, was caught up by a deputy and taken to El Reno, for instance. The deputy selected a man to guard him. The commissioner would hear the man's case, fine him \$1 and costs and let him go, as the man had no money in those days. But the deputy and guard got mileage from the government and the pay for the guard. Persecution soon grew out of this. Any farmer who put his foot on a reservation figured on being hauled off to a commissioner. Any sort of pretext was good enough for the deputies.

BUILDING UP BRAMAN

Payne & Brown are Doing a Good Thing for the Town.

Braman, O. T., Aug. 19.—Workmen have begun on a two-story building on Broadway. The building will be 24x70. It is being built by local mechanics and is owned by Payne & Brown. The building will be a substantial one, with a fine glass front. Messrs. Payne & Brown are prominent merchants and already have a fine establishment, handling groceries, boots and shoes, and when their new quarters are ready will put in a full line of general merchandise and implements. The upper story will be fitted up for a hall, and probably the Modern Woodmen will occupy it, for they are now organizing a lodge here. Our new hotel is progressing rapidly and will be ready for occupancy soon. Yeager & Fulton have succeeded in securing a jeweler and optician who will occupy a position at their drug store for a time. The gentleman has been in business in Nardin for the past year. His name is W. L. Peck. The town company are doing a nice business now. They sold two desirable business lots recently and buildings will be placed thereon soon. Corn in this part of Kay county is very good. The recent hot winds did but very little damage. There is a fine opening in Braman for a newspaper.

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In the Opinion of the Stock Exchange Bank Creditors at El Reno.

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In the Case of Ponca City.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—In the case of Ponca City's petition to be made a city of the first class, E. Bee Guthrie has filed a protest for a client he does not name. Governor Barnes advised Ponca City to have a new census taken at once and apply again for the privilege.

In Oklahoma City's School Report.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—The report of the superintendent of schools of Oklahoma City is published. It shows that last year the total enrollment was 1,571 and the average daily attendance 887. The cases of tardiness were: Boys, 593; girls, 330.

Oklahoma Is a Grape Country

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—The grape show at Oklahoma City this week was more splendid than any one had anticipated. There were 22 exhibits and fifty varieties, showing that Oklahoma is adapted to all kinds.

Sam Overstreet's Summer Outing.

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—Hon. S. L. Overstreet, United States attorney, returned last night from a week's sojourn at Geuda Springs, the popular health resort for Kansas and Oklahoma.

W. C. T. U. Convention at Newkirk

Guthrie, O. T., Aug. 19.—The second district of the W. C. T. U. of Oklahoma will hold its annual convention at Newkirk August 23 and 24.

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